



# A PROCLAMATION,

*Against the Importing Viſtual or Cattel from Ire'and.*



**WILLIAM** and **MARY** by the Grace of God, King and Queen of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defenders of the Faith, To

Macers of Our Privy Council or Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, Conjunctly and Severally, Specially Constitute, Greeting: Forasmuch as the Importing of Viſtual; Horse and Cowes from *Ireland* into this Kingdom, hath been by divers Laws and Acts of Parliament, made in the time of Our Royal Predecessors Discharged under great Paines, notwithstanding whereof, and by Reason of the unsettled State of both Kingdoms, the Observation of the saids Laws hath been of Late much neglected; And we being Resolved, that due and exact Obedience shall be given to the saids Laws for the time to come, and that they shall be Execute with all Rigour, against such as Transgress the same: Therefore We, with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, Strictly Prohibite and Discharge the Importing of any Meal, or other Viſtual whatsoever, or of any Horse, Mares, or Cowes, from the said Kingdom of *Ireland*, into this Kingdom, either by the Natives thereof, or Inhabitants in *Ireland*, or any other Foraigners whatsoever, from, and after the Day and Date hereof, under the Pains and Penalties following, *viz.* As to the Importing of any Meal and other Viſtual, that all the Meal and Viſtual which shall be Imported, shall be Sunk and Destroyed; And the Seizer or Discoverer, for his Reward shall have the Boat, Bark, or Vessel, wherein the said Meal or Viſtual shall be Imported, to Dispose of at his pleasure, Conform to the fourteenth Act of the Parliament 1686. As also the half of the Fines Imposed upon the Importers, Resettlers, and Hererors by the third Act, third Session, Parliament second, *Charles* Second; And as to the Importing of Horses, Cowes, and other Cattel, that no Horse, Mare, Cowes, or other Cattel whatsoever, shall be Imported from *Ireland* to this Kingdom, under the Pain and Penaltie of Forefaulting thereof, and furdur under the Pain of paying the Sum of an Hundred Merks *Scots* for each Beast that shall be so Imported, the one half of both the Beasts and Fines, to belong to the Seizer and Discoverer, and the other half to Us and Our Thesaury: And We with Advice foresaid, Prohibite and Discharge, any Person, or Persons whatsoever, to Buy, Use, or Retail, any *Irish* Meal, or Viſtual, or Reset, or Buy any Horses, Mares, or Nolt, that they know to be Imported out of *Ireland*, after the Day foresaid, under the Paines Contained in the saids Acts of Parliament. And We with Advice foresaid, have Nominate and Appointed *David Craford* of *Drumſuie*, to see the foresaids Acts of Parliament made against Importing of *Irish* Viſtual, Vigorously put to Execution, During such time and space as Our Privy Council shall think Fit, with Power to him, to appoint Servants, and others under him, to attend in all Places, betwixt the Head of *Kintyre* and *Lochrjan*, and from *Lochrjan* to *Dumfreis* for the more Effectual performing, and Discharging their Duty in the Premisses, OUR WILL IS HEREFOR E, And We Charge you traitly and Command, that Incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pals to the Mercat-Crois of *Edinburgh*, and to the Mercat-Crosses of the Burghs of *Glasgow* and *Dumfreis*, and of the Head-Burghs of the several Shires within that Bounds, and thereat make Publick Intimation of Our Pleasure in the Premisses, that none may pretend Ignorance; and Ordains these Presents to be Printed.

*Given under Our Signet, at Edinburgh, the thirteenth day of March, and of Our Reign the Fifth Tear, 1694.*



*Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.*  
GILB. ELIOT. Cls. Sti. Concilii.

**GOD Save King William and Queen Mary.**